

The Throne

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De-stress at Swem

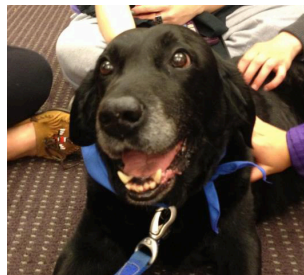
Final exam week can be a hectic time. Let us help you de-stress! Join us for free, fun activities at Swem:

Sunday, Dec. 8: **Coffee Night**, 8-10PM, Read & Relax

Monday, Dec. 9: **Healthy Snacks Night**, 8-10PM, Read & Relax

Tuesday, Dec. 10: **Gift Card Raffle**, 9PM, Read & Relax

Wednesday, Dec. 11: **15-minute Relaxation** (courtesy of Counseling Center), 10AM-noon, Screening Room (ground floor) & **Pet Therapy Dogs** (courtesy of K-9 Connection), 1-2:30PM & 6-7:30PM, Lobby



Thursday, Dec. 12: **15-minute Relaxation**, (courtesy of Counseling Center), 2-4PM, Screening Room & **DOT (Do One Thing) Night** (courtesy of Net Impact), 8-10PM, Read & Relax

Monday, Dec. 16: **Hot Cocoa, Coffee & Snacks Night** (courtesy of Dining Services), 9-11PM, Read & Relax

Swem Library is open 24 hours during exams (Dec. 8-18), except on Fridays (closes at 8 p.m.) and Saturdays (10 a.m.-8 p.m.).

Working on your holiday gift list?

Add a Swem t-shirt! We're sure your parents would love to get you one! Order one online at: www.wmalumni.com/store



Do you have any suggestions for the editors of The Throne?
Email us at swemcomm@wm.edu



ATTENTION:

Anyone can enter Swem, so watch your stuff! Unattended items may be seen as freebies!

Holidays Around the World

Looking forward to celebrating the holidays? We discovered some unique holiday traditions from around the world. Check them out:

Krampus (Austria and Hungary): During the Yule season, this beast-like creature will punish bad children, scaring them into being good with the threat of being taken to Hell or whacking them with a birch switch.

Consoada (Portugal): On Christmas Eve an empty chair is left at the dinner table to honor dead friends and leftover food remains on the table overnight for hungry ghosts.

Christmas in Ohio: At the Rumpke Landfill you can see over 30,000 Christmas lights and 25 ft. tall candy canes covering the garbage dump.

La Quema del Diablo or "Burning of the Devil" (Guatemala): The devil and other evil spirits are believed to dwell in the dark, dirty corners of your home, so residents sweep up, collect garbage and amass everything in a huge pile outside. After an effigy of the devil is placed on top, the whole thing is lit on fire, ensuring a devil-free Christmas.

And let us not forget, **Festivus**, which includes an unadorned aluminum Festivus pole, practices such as the "airing of grievances" and the labeling of easily explainable events as Festivus miracles. (See Swem's collection of *Seinfeld* on DVD!)